

What is claimed is:

1. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel comprising:

carbon in an amount of 0.20 to 0.35% by weight,  
silicon in an amount of 0.005 to 0.35% by weight,  
manganese in an amount of 0.05 to 1.0% by weight,  
nickel in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight,  
chromium in an amount of 0.8 to 2.5% by weight,  
molybdenum in an amount of 0.1 to 1.5% by weight,  
tungsten in an amount of 0.1 to 2.5% by weight,  
vanadium in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight,  
phosphorus in an amount not greater than 0.012% by weight,  
sulfur in an amount not greater than 0.005% by weight,  
copper in an amount not greater than 0.10% by weight,  
aluminum in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,  
arsenic in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,  
tin in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,  
antimony in an amount not greater than 0.003% by weight, and  
the balance being iron and unavoidable impurities, and

containing a metallic structure having an austenitic grain size number in a range of from 3 to 6.

2. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel comprising:

carbon in an amount of 0.20 to 0.35% by weight,  
silicon in an amount of 0.005 to 0.35% by weight,  
manganese in an amount of 0.05 to 1.0% by weight,



at least one of niobium in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, tantalum in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, nitrogen in an amount of 0.001 to 0.05% by weight, and carbon in an amount of 0.001 to 0.015% by weight,

sulfur in an amount not greater than 0.005% by weight,

aluminum in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,

tin in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,

the balance being iron and unavoidable impurities, and

4. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel comprising:

silicon in an amount of 0.005 to 0.35% by weight,

nickel in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight,

chromium in an amount of 0.8 to 2.5% by weight,

molybdenum in an amount of 0.1 to 1.5% by weight,

tungsten in an amount of 0.1 to 2.5% by weight,

vanadium in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight,

cobalt in an amount of 0.1 to 3.5% by weight,

phosphorus in an amount not greater than 0.012% by weight,

copper in an amount not greater than 0.10% by weight,

arsenic in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight,

antimony in an amount not greater than 0.003% by weight, and

containing a metallic structure having an austenitic grain size number in a range of from 3 to 6.

5. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 1, wherein said metallic structure mainly contains a bainite phase and a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.
6. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 2, wherein said metallic structure mainly contains a bainite phase and a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.
7. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 3, wherein said metallic structure mainly contains a bainite phase and a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.
8. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 4, wherein said metallic structure mainly contains a bainite phase and a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.

9. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 1, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase in a range of from 5 to 40% by volume.
10. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 2, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase in a range of from 5 to 40% by volume.
11. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 3, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase in a range of from 5 to 40% by volume.
12. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 4, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase in a range of from 5 to 40% by volume.
13. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 1, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase, and carbniitrides are finely dispersed into said pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.
14. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 2, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase, and carbniitrides are finely dispersed into said pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.
15. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 3, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase, and carbniitrides are finely dispersed into said pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.

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16. A low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 4, wherein said metallic structure contains a pro-eutectoid ferrite phase, and carbnitrides are finely dispersed into said pro-eutectoid ferrite phase.

17. A heat treatment method for a low-alloy heat-resistant steel, comprising the steps of:

heating a steel ingot to a range of from 1,000 to 1,100°C, which comprises carbon in an amount of 0.20 to 0.35% by weight, silicon in an amount of 0.005 to 0.35% by weight, manganese in an amount of 0.05 to 1.0% by weight, nickel in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight, chromium in an amount of 0.8 to 2.5% by weight, molybdenum in an amount of 0.1 to 1.5% by weight, tungsten in an amount of 0.1 to 2.5% by weight, vanadium in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight, and the balance being iron and unavoidable impurities;

cooling said steel ingot to a certain temperature in a range of from 900 to 700°C by a spray-quenching and/or an air-blast quenching,

air cooling for from 5 minutes to 5 hours,

cooling again by at least one method of a spray-quenching, an air-blast quenching, and an oil quenching.

18. A heat treatment method for a low-alloy heat-resistant steel comprising the steps of:

heating a steel ingot to a range of from 1,000 to 1,100°C, which comprises carbon in an amount of 0.20 to 0.35% by weight, silicon in an amount of 0.005 to 0.35% by weight, manganese in an amount of 0.05 to 1.0% by weight, nickel in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight, chromium in an amount of 0.8 to 2.5% by weight, molybdenum in an amount of 0.1 to 1.5% by weight, tungsten in an amount of 0.1 to 2.5% by weight,

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vanadium in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3% by weight, and the balance being iron and unavoidable impurities;

cooling said steel ingot to a temperature in a range of from 800 to 600°C at an average cooling rate of 2°C/min or less; and

cooling to 300°C at an average cooling rate in a range of from 2 to 15°C/min.

19. A heat treatment method according to claim 17, wherein said steel ingot further comprises at least one of niobium in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, tantalum in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, cobalt in an amount of 0.1 to 3.5% by weight, nitrogen in an amount of 0.001 to 0.05% by weight, and boron in an amount of 0.001 to 0.015% by weight.

20. A heat treatment method according to claim 18, wherein said steel ingot further comprises at least one of niobium in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, tantalum in an amount of 0.01 to 0.15% by weight, cobalt in an amount of 0.1 to 3.5% by weight, nitrogen in an amount of 0.001 to 0.05% by weight, and boron in an amount of 0.001 to 0.015% by weight.

21. A heat treatment method according to claim 17, wherein said unavoidable impurities contain phosphorus in an amount not greater than 0.012% by weight, sulfur in an amount not greater than 0.005% by weight, copper in an amount not greater than 0.10% by weight, aluminum in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, arsenic in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, tin in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, and antimony in an amount not greater than 0.003% by weight.

22. A heat treatment method according to claim 18, wherein said unavoidable impurities contain phosphorus in an amount not greater than 0.012% by weight, sulfur in an amount not greater than 0.005% by weight, copper in an amount not greater than 0.10% by weight, aluminum in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, arsenic in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, tin in an amount not greater than 0.01% by weight, and antimony in an amount not greater than 0.003% by weight.

23. A turbine rotor comprising a low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 1.

24. A turbine rotor comprising a low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 2.

25. A turbine rotor comprising a low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 3.

26. A turbine rotor comprising a low-alloy heat-resistant steel according to claim 4.

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